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APPROVAL OF PHASE 3 RESPONSE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT, RIVERSIDE AGRICULTURAL PARK, 7020 CREST AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Zelinka:

On June 16, 2015, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) sent a letter to then City Manager of the City of Riverside, Mr. John Russo, regarding DTSC oversight of the investigation and cleanup of the Riverside Agricultural Park (Ag Park), located at 7020 Crest Avenue, Riverside, California. In the letter, DTSC indicated that it was in the process of reexamining several documents relating to the Ag Park, and recommended that the City refrain from approving further actions with regard to the Ag Park until DTSC had completed its review.

After reexamination of the Ag Park, DTSC communicated its concern that further validation of our efforts would be necessary to ensure that we fully meet our mission to protect California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. Therefore, DTSC requested the collection of additional samples. As you are aware, the sample results led to the Phase 3 cleanup of the Ag Park, designed to address PCB-impacted areas which were previously unknown to DTSC.

The Phase 3 cleanup efforts led to the removal and off-site disposal of a total of approximately 303,000 tons of PCB impacted soils. On June 7, 2018, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) concurred with the results of the Phase 3 Response Plan Implementation Report (Phase 3 Report), and determined that the health-based remedial goals for PCB-impacted soils were achieved. After detailed review of the Phase 3 Report and the US EPA letter, DTSC has determined that the health-based remedial goals for this project have also been achieved and approved the Phase 3 Report and similarly issued a Certificate of Completion for the Ag Park for the Phase 3 response action on July 16, 2018.

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Therefore, DTSC does not require any restrictions as to the future use of the property. As you may know, we are also coordinating with your staff to provide this information to the City and the public at a future council meeting.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Peter Garcia, Southern California Division Chief, at (714) 484-5459 or by email at Peter.Garcia@dtsc.ca.gov or contact me at (714) 484-5321 or by email at Mohsen.Nazemi@dtsc.ca.gov.

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